



## Carswells Devil in the Detail – Risk Assessment – Cordless Carpet Scrub

### Scope of Assessment:

### Document Information:

FIELD	VALUE
Risk Assessment ID	RA012U – Risk Assessment – Cordless Carpet Scrub
Assessment Title	Cordless Carpet Scrub
Company Name	Carswells Devil in the Detail
Assessment Date	11/04/2025
Location	Location: Mobile / Client Locations (Yards, Forecourts, Dealerships)
Last Reviewed	N/A (New Assessment)
Assessed By	Craig Carswell
Next Review (Latest)	11/04/2026

Assessment covers the use of a cordless drill with a scrubbing attachment for removing stubborn carpet stains during vehicle valeting.

### How Assessment Was Carried Out:

Following HSE guidelines and best practice  
Reviewing past assessments and training records  
Consulting experienced staff  
Conducting on-site inspections

### Method Statement:

Staff wear full PPE (high-vis, boots, safety glasses) before starting.  
After manual cleaning attempts, the cordless scrub may be used if needed.  
Operator checks the vehicle is secure (ignition off) and follows valeting procedures.  
Inform the team leader before use.  
Ensure the tool and attachment are secure; remove loose clothing/jewellery and tie back hair.

Start at a low speed and only increase if necessary, applying light pressure.  
Apply a small amount of approved interior cleaner before scrubbing.  
If stain persists, seek team leader advice rather than forcing the tool.  
After use, return the tool to storage and charge if required.

All chemicals used must be Approved Valeting products, correctly diluted and labelled.  
Equipment is purpose-bought for vehicle valeting.

This Risk Assessment follows HSE guidelines and ensures significant risks are controlled. Regular reviews maintain a safe working environment.

## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Use of Cordless Hand Tool/ Vibration Exposure

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Use of Cordless Hand Tool	Cuts, bruises, scalp injuries, de-gloving, broken bones or serious harm if poorly maintained or improperly used.	Only trained staff with authorised access may use tools. Regular tool inspections (PUWER compliance) and maintenance by competent contractors. Staff wear PPE (eye protection, gloves) and secure loose clothing/hair/jewellery. Drill speed is kept low to prevent interior damage. Team leaders check equipment as part of routine checks.	Ongoing monitoring by team leaders.	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025
Vibration Exposure	Potential vibration-related ill health from extended use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrubber use is infrequent and for short durations only.</li> <li>HSE vibration calculator confirms safe usage time (&lt;2.5 hours trigger time).</li> <li>Machines and attachments are checked regularly for wear and tear.</li> <li>Tough stains are to be reported to a supervisor if prolonged scrubbing would be needed.</li> </ul>	Monitor actual trigger times where needed to ensure safe exposure limits.	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025

## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Manual Handling/Lone Working

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Manual Handling	Staff, visitors – risk of injury (sprains, strains) during lifting/moving	Authorised access only; manageable delivery loads; vacuums with adjustable handles; light, intermittent spray use; manual handling training and toolbox talks.	Stacker trucks rollout; new/expectant mother risk assessments; T.I.L.E checks for new tasks.	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025
Lone Working	Staff working alone could be injured or ill without help	No planned lone working; electronic clock-in system monitored by managers; close proximity to dealership staff; regular management checks; first aid cover coordinated.	- Review lone working policy regularly	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025





## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Hazard: Slips, Trips and Falls

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Slips, Trips & Falls	Employees, contractors, visitors, or dealership staff may slip or trip, leading to injuries such as cuts, sprains, or fractures.	Tarmac or channeled surfaces; squeegee mops used; cables managed to avoid trip hazards; cordless tools preferred; leaks mopped/repaired; good housekeeping and supervision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Recommend S3 SRC-rated work boots for maximum slip resistance</li><li>- Supervisory monitoring ongoing</li></ul>	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
<b>Electricity</b>	Employees, contractors, visitors, dealership staff – risk of electrocution, burns or fatality from electrical contact.	PAT testing for all portable appliances - Defect reporting system in place - Regular tool inspections - Equipment purchased for valeting environment - Electrical tools kept off floors and switched off when not in use - Visual checks of electrical installations	▪ Request client's EICR (Electrical Installation Condition Report). ▪ Part of onboarding/tender checks (Craig Carswell – Ongoing).	<b>Craig Carswell</b>	<b>11/04/2025</b>
<b>Fire</b>	Injury, smoke inhalation, or fatality if fire breaks out on site.	- Authorised access only - Fire alarms and detection systems in place - Coordination with client over fire procedures - Fire marshals in place - Full controls detailed in Fire Risk Assessment	- Client's Fire Risk Assessment to be requested and held on file	<b>Craig Carswell</b>	<b>11/04/2025</b>

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Pedestrians / Vehicle Movement	Employees, visitors, and dealership staff could be struck by vehicles or machines, leading to injury or death.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valeting areas segregated and restricted</li> <li>- Security fencing in place</li> <li>- Visitor induction and site rules explained</li> <li>- "Authorised Access Only" signage</li> <li>- High-vis vests worn</li> <li>- Walkways painted and handrails provided</li> <li>- Horns and hazard lights used when moving vehicles</li> <li>- Staff act as banksman when necessary</li> <li>- No moving vehicles with misted windows</li> <li>- Reverse parking into bays encouraged</li> <li>- Staff instructed not to use vehicle access shutters for walking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing training and reminders to staff</li> <li>- Visual checks for pedestrians near working areas</li> </ul>	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025

## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Hazard: Weather Conditions/ Other Moving Vehicles

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Weather Conditions	Staff – risk of sunburn, dehydration, cold exposure, hypothermia	Mostly indoor work; sun cream and hydration breaks in summer; suitable clothing for all seasons; welfare facilities; gritting in winter.	- Continue to monitor weather conditions and adjust working practices if needed	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025
Other Moving Vehicles	Staff, visitors, dealership staff – risk of being struck by another vehicle	Authorised access only; hazard lights and horns used; staff wear high-visibility vests; communication about vehicle movements; linked to Driving Risk Assessment controls.	- Where possible, staff should work in pairs when imaging vehicles	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025



Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Communication Barriers (English as a Second Language)	Staff may misunderstand instructions, leading to increased risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Authorised access only</li> <li>- Mentoring systems to support learning</li> <li>- Practical demonstrations to validate understanding               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use of multiple communication methods (written, verbal, signage)</li> <li>- Peer support and translation where needed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If one additional nationality becomes common, consider official translated instructions</li> </ul>	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025



## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Hazard: Work at Height/ Noise Exposure

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
Work at Height	Employees or others may fall from ladders/steps when cleaning vehicle roofs, leading to injury.	Most work done from ground; ladders/steps to EN131 standard; pre-use checks; wet areas squeegeed before use; washing done away from valeting bays.	None at present	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025
Noise Exposure	Employees may suffer hearing damage or tinnitus due to excessive noise.	Normal noise levels allow conversation at 1-2m; work spread across multiple bays and indoors/outdoors reducing cumulative noise exposure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor noise levels if significant changes occur. Review annually.</li> </ul>	Craig Carswell	11/04/2025

## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Hazard: Violence & Aggression

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
<b>Violence &amp; Aggression</b>	<b>Employees, contractors, visitors, or public may face threats, assault, or injury from intruders, co-workers, or customers.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Authorised access only</li> <li>▪ No lone working (where possible)</li> <li>▪ Well-lit site with CCTV</li> <li>▪ Secure storage of keys</li> <li>▪ Staff trained to call 999 if needed</li> <li>▪ Staff advised to avoid conflict and report incidents</li> <li>▪ Secure compounds and alarms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff to report altercations to management.</li> <li>▪ Craig Carswell to monitor safety protocols. Ongoing.</li> </ul>	<b>Craig Carswell</b>	<b>11/04/2025</b>

## Carswells Devil in the Detail - Hazard: Maintenance Operations and Young Persons

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed and How?	Existing Controls	Additional Controls Required?	Person Responsible / Target Completion	Date Completed
<b>Maintenance Operations</b>	Employees, contractors, visitors, or members of the public could suffer from cuts, bruises, amputations, or death due to maintenance issues or poor equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Authorised access only</li> <li>- No vehicle maintenance performed by staff</li> <li>- Red-tag system for defective equipment</li> <li>- PPE (e.g., safety glasses)</li> <li>- Defect reporting procedures</li> <li>- Contractor management procedures (vetting, induction)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Craig Carswell to ensure compliance with procedures. Ongoing.</li> </ul>	<b>Craig Carswell</b>	<b>11/04/2025</b>
<b>Young Persons</b>	Young persons or inexperienced workers may have an increased risk of harm due to lack of experience, understanding of hazards, or process knowledge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Induction training in hazard recognition, work procedures, and emergency protocols.</li> <li>▪ Supervision and mentoring systems.</li> <li>▪ Clear work instructions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Craig Carswell to monitor training and supervision of young/inexperienced workers. Ongoing.</li> </ul>	<b>Craig Carswell</b>	<b>11/04/2025</b>





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